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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- Amendment;
 Extension of Time (4 Mos.) and check for \$1,390 for extension fees;
 Please charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-64873-1/AJT/MSS).

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §115

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed May 2000 in connection with the above captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is kindly solicited. Additionally, Applicants are in receipt of a Communication mailed August 30, 2000 resetting the period for responding to the Office Action. Accompanying this amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time, containing a check for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by three months, to and including **February 28, 2001**. Other than the fee for the extension of time, it is believed that no other fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if the Commissioner should determine a fee is due or a credit is owed, he is hereby authorized to charge any fees (including extension of time fees or other relief as may be required) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-64873-1/AJT/MSS). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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